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Status						
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12	-13-03 (priority)					
2a) This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b) ⊠ This	This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b) This action is non-final.					
closed in accordance with the practice under E	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Disposition of Claims						
4) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.						
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
6) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.						
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/o	r election requirement.					
Application Papers						
9) The specification is objected to by the Examine	r.					
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.						
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).						
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).						
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex	caminer. Note the attached Office	Action or form PTO-152.				
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119						
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).						
a)⊠All b) Some * c) None of:						
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.						
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No						
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage						
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).						
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.						
Attachment(c)						
Attachment(s)  1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) Interview Summary	(PTO-413)				
2) Notice of Traftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Da	ate				
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Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicants' statement of the prior art.

On pages 4 and 5 of their specification, applicants acknowledge that intermediate transfer recording media are known in the prior art. These known intermediate recording media comprise a substrate having a transferable portion composed of a receptor layer and a peelable layer. The experimental modification of this prior art in order to ascertain optimum operating conditions (.g., determine the peel strength of the transferable portion versus the non-peelable portion) fails to render applicants claims patentable in the absence of unexpected results. Since unexpected results are not self-evident in applicants' specification examples, it is suggested that applicants discuss the pertinence of their examples in their response to this action.

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